

REMARKS:

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005. With entry of this amendment, claims 1-10, 12, 14-23, 25-31 and 46-49 are pending. Claims 46-49 have been added. Support for claims 46 and 47 can be found in paragraph [0013] of the specification. Support for claim 48 can be found in paragraph [0012] of the specification. Support for claim 49 can be found in paragraph [0014] of the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,281,352 ("Hoffman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,622,419 ("Holder"). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman in view of Holder and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,624,952 ("Kuwa"). Claims 12, 14-23 and 25-31 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. In view of the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and allowance of the pending claims.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman in view of Holder. The Office Action states that Hoffman teaches

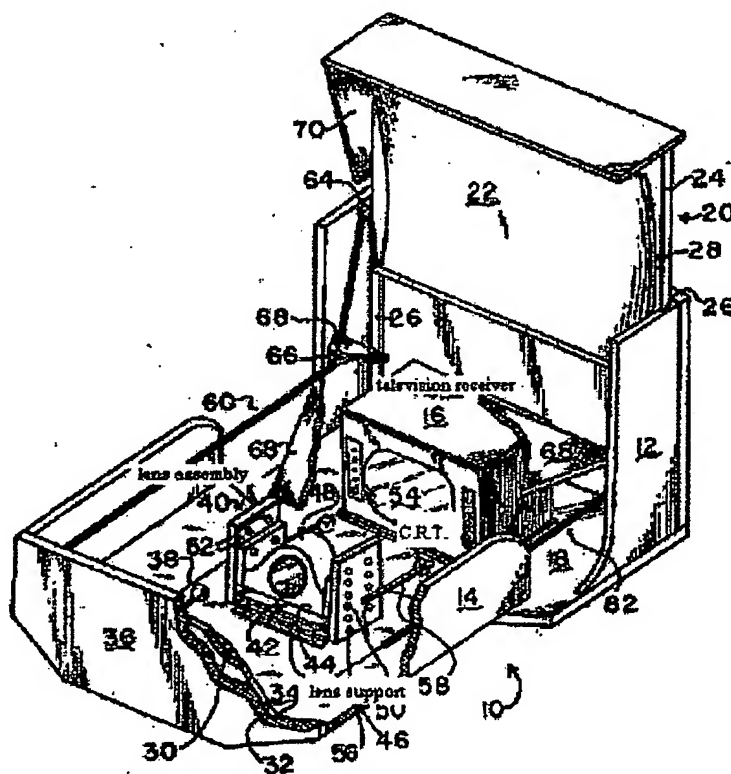
a projection unit comprising a projector 44, the projector positioned substantially adjacent (figures 1-2) a display screen 22 and configured to generate an image on the display surface; and a moveable element 14/46 supporting the projector configured to enable selective lateral moveable element 14/46 supporting the projector configured to enable selective lateral positioning of the projector to move the projector from a storage position (fig. 7) to an operation position (figure 1). The projector further comprises a device (col. 4, lines 2-4) which may be used to bring the image into focus in at least one of the lateral positions. (Office Action, p. 2)

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In the background of the invention, Hoffman distinguishes itself from other projection systems as providing "a projection television system that can utilize a great many sizes and shapes of conventional televisions as part of the projection apparatus." (Hoffman, col. 2, lines 35-38). In Hoffman, "a standard television receiver is supported by the fixed closure portion and

optics are provided for projecting a magnified *television* image upon the viewing screen.” (Hoffman, col. 2, lines 54-57, emphasis added). As can be seen in Figure 1 of Hoffman, below, the standard television receiver 16 is part of the projection device and feeds the image through the lens apparatus 40 to be reflected onto the screen 22. Item 44 referred to as a projector in the Office Action is actually “a lens support” and not a projector. (Hoffman, col. 3, line 66). Furthermore, the television receiver is located in the fixed portion of the cabinet 18, while the lens assembly is located in the moveable portion 14. The pieces of the projection apparatus of Hoffman are therefore not an actual unit, but independent parts such that the distance between the lens assembly and the standard television receiver may be altered. (Hoffman, col. 3, lines 45-68).

In Hoffman, the image from a standard television C.R.T. travels through a lens 42 supported by a



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lens support 44 to a mirror and then onto the screen 22. (Hoffman, col. 4, lines 43-48). Hoffman magnifies an image translated onto the back of a screen, i.e. the image displayed on a standard television receiver, onto the second screen 22. It is not directly projecting the image received by the television receiver.

In contrast, the present invention is a projection display device. It does not use a conventional television as part of the projection apparatus. As can be seen in figure 6A and 6B below, a conventional television receiver can be placed on an entertainment unit that includes the projector (Specification, paragraph [0061]), but it is "a separate visual and/or audio device," not the image source. In fact, "the projector 600 may be selectively stored in drawer 610 when not in use such that television 660 is accessible to a user." (Specification, paragraph [0061]). In contrast to Hoffman, the television in the description of the present invention is not used at the same time as or as part of a projector, but would interfere with the use of the projection display

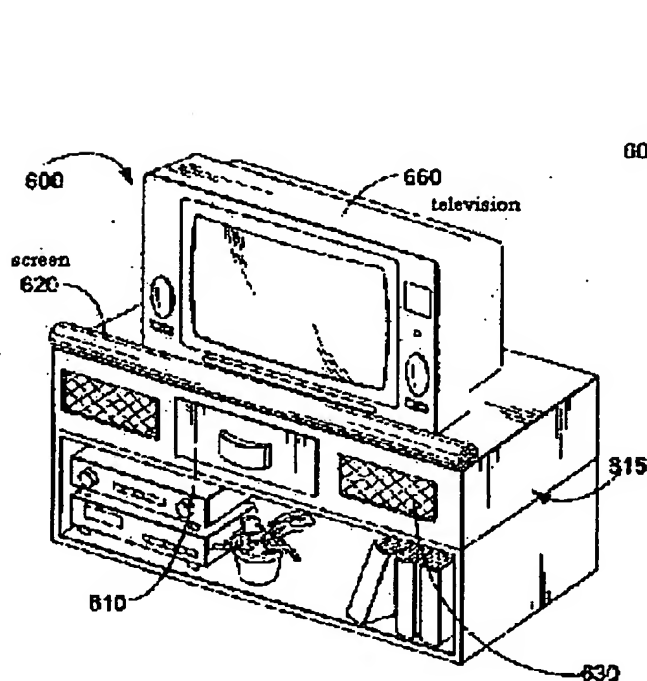


FIG. 6A

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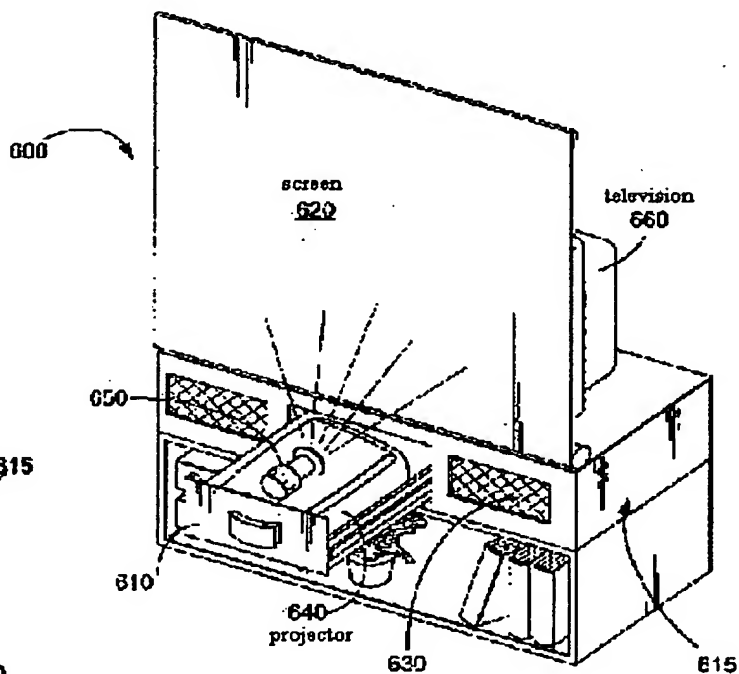


FIG. 6B

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device if turned on at the same time. Furthermore, the lens system 650 and the projector 640 are not separate items between which the distance can be altered as in Hoffman, but part of a projection unit. (See Figure 4 and paragraph [0062]).

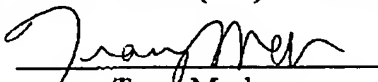
Hoffman magnifies an image from a conventional television through a lens assembly 40 along an optical path 72 to the screen 22. (Hoffman, col. 3, lines 65-68 and col. 4, lines 43-48 and Fig. 2). Hoffman is a "projection television system" requiring a television receiver. (Hoffman, col. 3, lines 17-20). It is not a projector including a wide-angle lens system as required by Claim 1 of the present invention. Applicants respectfully assert that Hoffman alone or in combination with Holder does not teach the present invention. Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman in view of Holder and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,624,952 ("Kuwa"). Claim 8 is dependent on claim 1. For at least the reasons cited above, Hoffman in view of Holder does not teach the salient features of the invention. Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.


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